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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

The Honorable Bolitha J. Laws Chief Judge United States District Court Washington, D. C. AUG 20 19**53** 

Dear Judge Laws:

It is the policy of this Agency to encourage service on District juries by its employees, but in rare instances we have had to request postponement of such service due to the pressure of immediate duties.

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has been summoned to appear for jury service in your Court on 31 August 1953. It is the Budget Officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. As has been well-publicized recently, the President has directed the strictest review of all budgets in order to achieve the most rigid economy in Government expenditures. This review is proceeding on an urgent basis within the Central Intelligence Agency, both for this and future fiscal years. Coordination for all of this work is the responsibility of and his staff, and for the next few weeks they will be compelled to spend many long hours in addition to their regular tours of duty to complete this important task.

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We can ill afford to lose the services of any of the budget staff, let alone its Chief, during this period. We, therefore, earnestly request your favorable consideration for a postponement of jury service by

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Very truly yours,

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L. K. White Acting Deputy Director